

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Application. No.: 10/767,335
Docket No: Q79657

REMARKS

Claims 4-8 and 11-14 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 4-8 have been allowed. Claims 9-10 have been canceled as they were withdrawn. Claims 11-14 were indicated to contain allowable subject matter and are now written in independent form.

Claims 1 and 2 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,576,345 to Van Cleemput *et al.* ("Van Cleemput") in view of Applicants' admitted prior art.

Although this rejection has been and remains traversed, during the September 27, 2006 telephone conference, Examiner Rao indicated that he simply will not allow Claims 1 and 2. In view of the telephone conference with Examiner Rao Applicants have canceled Claims 1 and 2 without disclaimer.

In view of the above, all claims presently in the application have been determined by the Examiner to be allowable. Therefore, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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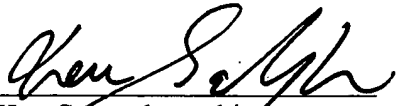
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